GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to make it compulsory at the secondary and higher education levels to have military training and social services as reported in the Indian Express dated March 17, 2003;

(b) if so, whether any task force has been set up to study this aspect;

(c) if so, the time by which the task force is likely to submit its report;

(d) the rationale behind introducing these subjects in the secondary and higher education;

(e) whether the Government have assessed the fund requirements for introducing these subjects; and

(f) if so, the source from which the fund is likely to be met for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (f): The Government has constituted a Task Force on 26th February, 2003, under the Chairmanship of Shri Anand Sarup, former Secretary (Education), Government of India, to examine various issues affecting the student community, including inter-alia, making of social service works and military training compulsory part of education in order to instil moral and physical strength and discipline. The Task Force is required to submit its recommendations within six months from the date of its constitution. The question of fund requirements etc. does not arise at this stage.